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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Ms. Laura Shay
Food and Drug Administration, HFD 560
9201 Corporate Boulevard
Rockville, MD 20850

Re: BASF AG TEA

Dear Ms. Shay:

As we discussed, enclosed is a copy of the BASF TEA with the material and information which the Company claims as confidential commercial information and trade secret and thus exempt from public disclosure. Therefore, we request this information not be released to the public, either as part of the TEA docket or pursuant to a request under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA").

The identified information comprises the following: (1) specific sales, use, and pricing data, (2) confidential product specifications (e.g., product density), (3) manufacturing process data (Attachment 4), previously marked as confidential, and (4) product specific information, including pricing and product characterization contained in a proprietary subscription data base called Global New Product Database (Attachments 8 through 37). This data has not previously been released to the public and has been maintained by BASF as confidential commercial information and trade secret. Therefore, it is exempt from public release.

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For your ease of review, we have marked in highlight and with notations data which we propose to redact from the submission and its attachments, and also enclosed a redacted version.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,


Kathleen M. Sanzo

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Enclosures

Cc: Dr. Esther Britzius
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